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MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Donn B. Griffin Room, Town Hall
732 Main Street, Harwich, MA
Executive Session 5:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.
Monday, April 14, 2025

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RELEASED
APPROVED

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Jeff Handler, Chair, Michael MacAskill, Vice Chair, Peter Piekarski, Clerk, Julie Kavanagh and Don Howell

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Joseph Powers, Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Handler called the meeting of the Harwich Select Board to order on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:00PM noting that they would be entering into Executive Session and returning to Open Session no earlier than 6:00PM.

Mr. Piekarski moved to enter into Executive Session as presented. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Vote: 5:0 in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MGL c.30A section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for all town unions and non-union personnel and or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and the Chair has determined that open session would have a detrimental effect on the town's bargaining position

B. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; 62 Route 28

C. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A §21(a)(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A §§ 22(f), (g) to review, approve and or discuss the possible release of executive session meeting minutes dated December 30, 2025, January 6 and January 13

Mr. Handler called the Select Board meeting back to order reporting that while Executive Session action was taken on Item C. to approve Minutes.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Handler invited all attendees to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Powers noted that the Select Board will not be meeting on April 21, 2025.

Mr. Handler asked for the Board's consensus on meeting next week.

Mr. Howell commented that he would prefer to meet to avoid a longer meeting the following week. He noted that some meetings have been unreasonably long.

Ms. Kavanagh commented that she is in favor of not meeting if there is not a full Agenda.

Mr. Powers noted that there will not be staff the next week.

The consensus of the Board was to not meet the following week.

Mr. Powers noted that the Select Board will be meeting next on April 28, 2025 outside of a special meeting later this week.

V. WEEKLY BRIEFING

Mr. Powers gave an update on the Phase 3 Sewer Construction noting a two week look ahead. He noted the areas involved and road closures. He also noted 1- E area work and traffic impacts.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Donovan, Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee (COC) thanked Mr. Handler, Mr. Piekarski, Mr. Powers and staff for conducting the meeting with Chatham. She commented that they represented Harwich well, she expressed appreciation of their positivity and that hopefully it was a basis to move forward.

Christy Lynn of Harwich thanked the Select Board for their time and dedication to the Town. She asked that they vote yes on the Middle School Restoration Project. She noted that the decision goes beyond money and numbers, it's about people. She expressed her concerns and reasons why she feels the Board should vote yes.

Paul Wittenstein of Marybeth Lane urged the Select Board to support the Middle School Project. He noted that the Middle School Project and negotiating with Chatham are two different subjects.

John Carey attempted to participate remotely but was unable to be heard by the Select Board.

*John Carey of West Harwich participated remotely. He asked if there was an opportunity for the Board to give an update on the West Harwich Baptist Church. He noted that they are down to nine months before the church could wind up in a landfill.

Mr. Handler asked Mr. Powers for guidance on the conversation.

Mr. Powers replied that the Board does not have an Open Session topic that ties back to that issue. Unless there is a Select Board member report, there is no mechanism by which the Board could discuss this matter.

Mr. Handler noted that the West Harwich Baptist Church will be an Agenda item for April 28th. He also clarified that Mr. Carey's request was made under Public Comment.

Mr. Handler took New Business Item B out of order.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Vote to accept a gift for the Council on Aging from the Friends of the Harwich Council on Aging in the amount of \$11,225
- B. Approve the Select Board meeting minutes from March 31, 2025
- C. Approve the resignation of Frank Wiacek from the Golf Committee and the Capital Outlay Committee, effective May 1, 2025
- D. Vote to approve the following committee appointments as recommended by the Interview Committee:
 - 1. Marilyn Raatz, Board of Appeals, alternate member, term to expire June 30, 2027
 - 2. Ann Newman, Planning Board, full member, term to expire June 30, 2025
 - 3. Paul Mann, Historic District and Historical Commission, full member, term to expire June 30, 2026
 - 4. Ann Pitzen, Cultural Council, full member, pending vacancies on June 30, 2025, or prior – term to be determined

Mr. Piekarski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Howell.

Mr. Howell noted that regarding the Cultural Council, there will be four vacancies in the near future and they need to have someone in queue. He encouraged anyone who may be interested to apply, noting the importance of the Cultural Council.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible vote to designate Special Municipal Employees, including Monomoy Regional School District School Committee

Mr. Powers noted that the packet includes the active list of Special Municipal Employees, noting that this is related to the Conflict of Interest Law. Mr. Powers noted that the Town Clerk has analyzed the list with counsel. He referred to page two and that the list had added, deleted or changed titles on September 6, 2005. It presently does not include members of the Monomoy Regional School District Committee. He asked if the Board intends those members to be designated as Special Employees because the reference in the list was to the Town of Harwich School Committee. Mr. Powers noted that there is an immediacy regarding members of this Committee and potential members of the School Committee. His recommendation is whatever the will of the Board is relative to the Monomoy Regional School District School Committee. He added that the 20 year old document could use some updating in the future.

Mr. Howell asked if this is universal to the whole Monomoy Regional School District School Committee or are they designating those members that are elected from the Town of Harwich as Special Employees.

Mr. Powers replied that he believes it would only have the effect of Harwich members of the School Committee.

Mr. Howell moved to accept the Monomoy Regional School District School Committee under Harwich's liability as a Special Town Employee only to the extent of the Harwich representatives to that Committee. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

B. Vote to approve the following 2025 Seasonal off-premise package store liquor license renewal:

1. Maulik Corporation d/b/a Value Mart, 435 Route 28

Mr. Powers noted that staff has approved and recommends approval.

Ms. Kavanagh moved to approve the following 2025 Seasonal off-premise package store liquor license renewal; Maulik Corporation d/b/a Value Mart, 435 Route 28 with any existing restrictions. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

*At this time John Carey of West Harwich was able to participate remotely after having audio difficulties. His comments were heard and are noted under Public Comment.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on the Select Board Sub-Committee meeting held on April 8 about the Monomoy Regional School District Assessment; votes may be taken

Mr. Handler thanked Select Board Member Piekarski for participating in the meeting and the residents who have thanked the Select Board for initiating the conversation.

Mr. Piekarski commented regarding the meeting, that in the end, regardless of opinions, it was a worthwhile exercise. It was a conversation that needed to be had but wasn't the time or the environment to negotiate. He noted that there will be additional future meetings which will hopefully lead to reopening the Regional School Agreement. Mr. Piekarski noted that Mr. Handler will reach out to Mr. Schell, Chatham Select Board Chair, after Town Meeting to set up another meeting. He commented that the Harwich Select Board's and the residents concerns were conveyed.

Mr. Handler commented that the videos of the 2:00 Sub-Committee meeting held in the Griffin Room and the meeting that the Chatham Select Board had that same evening, speak for themselves. He noted that his and the Board's intention is to look forward and not backward. He noted that he chose the words of his opening statement carefully and noted his emphasis of a genuine interest in the two towns working together. He also commented on Mr. Dyken's opening statement, what it implied and that the meeting then took a different turn. Mr. Handler referred to Mr. Schell's comment regarding what his response would be to Mr. Handler depending on the results of the Town Meeting vote. He also noted that at the Chatham Select Board meeting, it was made clear that they have no intention of opening the Regional Agreement. He also noted that he received more information than he anticipated and clarity on where Chatham is with the Agreement. Mr. Handler noted that he looks forward to more conversations but is hopeful that there will be more clarity as to why they are sitting at the table. He noted comments made at the Chatham Select Board meeting and commented that he doesn't think they left the Sub-Committee meeting with any clarity as to where the Town of Harwich sits with the funding formula and the compression it will place on the School District going forward.

Mr. MacAskill thanked Mr. Handler and Mr. Piekarski for having the meeting. He noted that it is clear where Chatham stands and he is hopeful that the people who will be impacted by this will talk to their friends and families in Chatham. He stated that he is going to support the Middle School Project this year. He noted that the increase coming from Monomoy Regional is not something that Harwich will be able to continue to pay. He noted that there will be cuts made and the ones who get hurt by cuts are the students and teachers. He commented on statements made by the Chatham Select Board. He asked through the Chair, that the Town Administrator speak with legal to figure out the process, for the Town of Harwich to go this alone to get a second set of eyes on this before they have to start cutting programs and teachers. He stated that he is extremely disappointed in the Building Committee that represented both towns, for not coming before the elected body and giving a presentation to the taxpayers of the Town of Harwich. He noted that the ask within the numbers for the renovation is a 30% contingency. He added that he hopes people are prepared to debate on Town Meeting floor, why this is needed.

He noted that the next time a committee is formed to represent both towns, they ought to present at the Executive Body's meeting.

Mr. Howell commented regarding the meeting that he is disappointed. He noted that he had been scoffed at for saying this would be pushing 80% and 20% in terms of the distribution of the student body. He noted that they now have one partner much smaller than the other and suggested possibly adding another partner to the Agreement. Regarding the Middle School Project, the numbers have been all over the map and he is unsure if it is currently an accurate number. Mr. Howell noted that the building was renovated when it was owned 100% by the Town of Chatham. Harwich inherited that building without any flashing around the windows, the damage is not from wear and tear. He noted that there have been issues over the years with kids having symptoms which he is sympathetic to. He questioned, if not now, when? He noted that Chatham's enrollment is shrinking but there still have to be buildings, electricity etc. Mr. Howell commented that it doesn't seem to him that Chatham is tethered in reality. He added that as long as they can benefit from the larger town contributing more money, they are fine with the Agreement. He noted that the Agreement had been changed once before and why. He noted that there are things that have to happen to get the maximum amount of education. He noted that no one assumed the Agreement would be in perpetuity. The five year look over was for people to see if it was still a durable agreement or if any parts had to be changed. He expressed concern that the amount being asked for the Middle School Project may not be enough, the scope of the project is still nebulous to him. He stated that he would support the construction because it is something the kids deserve. He commented that the kids don't deserve the adults they have around them now and he urged everybody to get back to talking realistically about what can be afforded without holding the kids hostage in the future.

Ms. Kavanagh thanked Mr. Handler and Mr. Piekarski for having the conversation. She commented that it was productive in the sense that every difficult conversation has to start with communication. She commented that both groups brought up great points and with a five year review, they should be able to have these conversations. She commented that she hopes future conversations lead to both parties hearing each other in a better way. Ms. Kavanagh commented that she feels it is pivotal that these discussions stay at the local level because the kids and the teachers will benefit from the towns working together. She noted that the Nauset and DY Agreements managed to get to a better incremental stage over 3 to 5 years. She added that any scenario where both towns go back to single systems, creates more money on both ends. She noted that when the Select Board said they would indefinitely postpone on the Middle School Project, it was because of the meeting that had been scheduled for April 8th. They were hoping that something would be said at that meeting that would make them think they were making some headway but that was not the case. Ms. Kavanagh noted that at the last meeting that Mr. Carpenter and Mr. MacMillan attended, there were members of the Building Committee present. They did not do a presentation which the Board could have asked for but she felt she got adequate information. Ms. Kavanagh stated that she plans on supporting the Middle School Project. She feels it is important to move forward with the Middle School Project, the health of anyone at the school is at risk and the issues need to be addressed. She noted for the record that

she can understand that Chatham was a little bit disturbed to hear that the Harwich Select Board had indefinitely postponed it but she hopes that the Board will support the Middle School Project because it is part of the Regional Agreement. She noted that the end result is a wonderfully strong school system with so many accolades and she hopes the two towns can have reasonable and rational discussions of what they can do better.

Mr. Powers also thanked Mr. Handler and Mr. Piekarski. He noted that as an adjunct part of the discussions and the process, he was encouraged by Chatham's comments regarding relying upon the experts which he interprets as the Financial experts of both towns as well as Dr. Carpenter and Mr. MacMillan. Mr. Powers noted that in his opinion, there is enough in the Regional Agreement that is negotiable. He noted that other than the foundational budget based on enrollment, everything else can be malleable as long as the parties agree and make a compelling argument to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). He is optimistic that nothing is lost and everything is still in play. Mr. Powers noted that he has heard from both towns about the alleged fiscal crisis in the Town of Harwich. He stated that that is inaccurate. There is no such thing as a financial crisis in the Town of Harwich nor have they ever claimed there is one. He noted that in studying the trends and a five year look ahead, the chasm is going to get wider unless there are changes to that Agreement. He commented that the Board is going through deliberations and the Town Meeting Warrant and he noted that both the School District and the School Committee both play a role. He noted that when looking at the numbers of the Town of Harwich, the Monomoy School District and the Town of Chatham, two of the entities look like each other and one doesn't. He noted the financial differences and that Harwich recognizes that under the general fund expenditures, the two most expensive are education and fixed costs. He noted that education for Harwich is 41% and for Chatham is it 20% and he suggested that the School Committee start looking at it as though there is a value in acknowledging the commentary of the Select Board of the Town of Harwich and strive to develop a budget that looks more like what the Town of Harwich does and not a budget that does not match with how the Town of Harwich operates. He noted that the School Committee makes growth budgets which is what Chatham is used to. Mr. Powers noted that Harwich is very mindful of a possibility of a no vote and he asked, are they?

Richard Waystack of Harwich commented that it was a great discussion at the Sub-Committee meeting. He suggested that the School Committee should be part of any future negotiations. He commented that everything is negotiable except for the health and safety of the students. Mr. Waystack noted that he hopes the Select Board will support the Article but asked what would happen next if there is a positive vote at Town Meeting. He had a number of questions and also commented that there is uncertainty of what will happen when they start working on the Middle School. He asked what the process is after the Town Meeting vote and how the contract is awarded to start rectifying the problem. Mr. Waystack asked that the Select Board support the Middle School Renovation Article.

Mr. Powers noted that his comments were only relative to Old Business A. He clarified that he has not spoken on the Monomoy Project. That will be discussed under Item B. He did respond

that if the Article were to be adopted and the towns agree to it, it falls back to the project owner which is the Monomoy Regional School Committee, under their Administration, their Procurement Officer. The Towns' obligation is to authorize the spending and pay for the spending.

Brett Furtin of East Harwich participated remotely. He noted that as a parent and a tax payer, he urged the Select Board to approve the Middle School Project. He noted the repairs needed at the Middle School and that a delay would increase the cost and expose students and staff to worsening conditions.

Ed McManus, a Co-Chair of the Building Committee noted that he has told Chairman Handler that the Building Committee is prepared with a presentation. They were prepared to present it but could not be fit into tonight's Agenda. They are prepared to make a presentation at the Board's last meeting before Town Meeting. He gave an overview of the information they will present. He also explained the reason and need for the design contingency. He noted that some repairs will still be needed during the year if the Article is not approved. Mr. McManus also noted that if the Article is approved, the designers are ready to move forward, get the design out to bid and construction beginning. He confirmed with Mr. Handler that Building Committee will do the presentation on April 28th.

Mr. Powers noted Old Business item B. and the discussion the Board will have. He clarified that when he said everything was negotiable, he was not talking about the Middle School Project. He noted that others have made comments regarding the Warrant.

Mr. Handler agreed that there has been a blending of the Items.

Mark Kelleher of the Building Committee thanked Mr. Handler and Mr. Piekarski for holding the meeting. He referred to an Agreement between two towns that is similar to Harwich and Chatham's Agreement and suggested that the Sub-Committee meeting use the agreement as a template. He suggested that if the Select Board goes to the next meeting with the template and "game it out" on what the cost will be, they may get a positive response.

Mr. Piekarski noted that there were people who said that Harwich did not come to the table with an ask. He noted that that was not the intent at the meeting on Tuesday. There are a number of ways they could approach the issue they are bringing to the table but the question is whether or not Chatham wants to continue that discussion. He commented that if they continue that discussion and bring multiple solutions to the discussion they can negotiate to get the best solution for both communities.

B. Discussion on Annual Town Meeting Warrant and all articles therein

Mr. Powers noted Article 9 Middle School Building Project and Article 20 Phase 3A Sewer Construction Project that have votes by the Select Board by indefinite postponement. He noted

that the Finance Committee is responsible for offering motions on all the Articles at Town Meeting. He explained that if there is not a positive motion the Moderator will ask if there is a positive motion. Mr. Powers stated that the Finance Committee is in favor of Article 9. He summarized that Article 9 will be going before Town Meeting as having a positive motion, offered by the Finance Committee for the adoption of the Article. He noted that the Select Board will have the Warrant on the Agenda for discussion purposes for any other Article on April 28th on May 5th and May 6th. Mr. Powers noted that it is the same situation for Article 20, there is a positive motion being offered by the Finance Committee. He commented that if the Select Board discusses those Articles tonight it would be relative to motions expected to be made in support of both of those Articles.

Mr. Handler continued the discussion to Article 9.

Mr. Kelleher noted that if the Middle School Project is accepted, Mr. MacMillan has \$300,000 set aside for this year. He noted that Mr. MacMillan also said that if the agreement is changed, the new debt will also be adjusted. Mr. Kelleher noted that there is a short term Grant out from the State for \$50 million for energy efficient windows and other items. He commented that there is a possibility that Monomoy may receive that Grant and that he believes it requires a positive vote at Town Meeting.

Martha Donovan, Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee noted that Monomoy already has \$2.5 million that was approved at Town Meeting. She explained why she was against the \$2.5 million and expressed frustration that a year later they are still not sure what the project will cost. Ms. Donovan commented that she is in favor of renovating the school but there is still information coming in this late in the game. She referred to Mr. MacMillan's comments about having money to pay for engineering, mold remediation other things. She commented that the voters are being asked to make decisions on the Project when there are not yet a lot of solid numbers.

Mr. MacAskill asked for clarification that the \$2.5 million was Harwich's contribution.

Ms. Donovan replied that Harwich contributed \$2 million and Chatham contributed \$500,000.

Mr. McManus noted that the Building Committee was formed to coincide with when the architect was brought on to start the design. Their first meeting was in February 2025. He noted that they interviewed and hired an Owner Project Managers (OPM) which is why most of the information has just recently come out. He commented that the \$2.5 was an estimate on doing the re-shingling of the building. He noted that the Building Committee includes local experts and professionals of highly qualified companies which has been a benefit to the Committee's work. He also spoke about the Grant and noted some of the "green" requirements which the new windows qualify as. He noted the expense involved with removing the present windows and the work to be done before new windows can be installed.

Ms. Kavanagh clarified that the Grant application has to be submitted by the end of this month.

Mr. McManus confirmed the date and noted that the Project Manager and Mr. MacMillan are putting the application together. They are hopeful that, because the Grant information did not come out until the beginning of this month, that there will not be a great amount of competition.

Mr. Powers noted that Article 9 is an authorization request of the Monomoy Regional School Committee and the language contained therein is identical and has to go before both Harwich and Chatham's Town Meetings. As done with the original \$2.5 authorization, Harwich will have a companion ballot question regarding Harwich's portion of the debt and if it should be excluded from Proposition 2 1/2.

Mr. Piekarski noted, regarding Article 9, that the Building Committee will be before the Board on April 28th. He would like to hear that presentation before voting on whether or not to change the Board's position.

Mr. Handler commented on the importance of this topic, the emails and the conversations which are also important. He noted that Monomoy is a top notch school system which he is invested in. He commented that, in the end it's up to the voters and there will be a debate on Town Meeting floor. He encouraged all who are interested to come to Town Meeting. He commented that he will reconsider his vote of indefinite postponement after April 28's presentation. He emphasized that the funding formula needs to be addressed and reopened and explained the reasons. Mr. Handler commented that the Budget needs to look more like the majority partner's position than the minority partner's position. He requested that Mr. McManus send the slide deck of the presentation to the Board.

Mr. McManus noted that the Committee is still looking at alternatives for shingles, noted what they are considering and that there are samples at the school for the public to see.

Mr. Howell commented on Safe Schools and the fact that they are locked once everyone is in. He noted that it won't just be parents voting on this and asked if the Committee would consider putting the samples at Town Hall.

Mr. McManus replied that they could. Their intent was for people to be able to compare to what is presently on the school. He clarified that the examples are outside the school where they are visible when children are dropped off and picked up.

Ms. Donovan noted that there is a roofing project coming up and asked if it could be started right after Town Meeting. Also, do the engineering reports in the summer and bring them forward in the fall to make it easier for people to understand.

Mr. McManus stated that the roofing project has been accepted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) which means they will cover 37% of the cost. He noted that the

MSBA picked the OPM, that person has been chosen and has already been on site to begin scoping the project.

Mr. Powers referred to the Town's Article 20 The Great Sand Lakes Wastewater Construction noting that the present recommendation of the Select Board is indefinite postponement. The Finance Committee has voted to accept and adopt which will be a positive motion at Town Meeting. He noted the this Article also has a corresponding debt exclusion ballot question.

Mr. Howell noted, as a representative to the Clean Waters Board, that there is a factual change. He noted that the Intended use Plan (IUP) was the draft plan and has moved into a final plan. He stated that Harwich is on the final list.

Mr. Powers noted that the Select Board will be having a standard discussion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and all the Articles therein.

Ann Frechette participated remotely. She encouraged the Select Board to end their indefinite postponement of Article 20. She also asked that if the Board still has questions, they bring people to the Board meetings to respond to the questions. She offered her help in the process.

Mr. Powers asked the previous speaker if the proponent of Article 21 is going to indefinitely postpone that Article. He noted that Article 21 is a petitioned Article regarding Great Sand Lakes.

Ms. Frechette replied that her Article (#21) is not indefinitely postponed at this phase. She asked for clarification of what the Mr. Powers was asking of her.

Mr. Powers asked if Ms. Frechette was going to indefinitely postpone Article 21 if Article 20 goes forward.

Ms. Frechette replied that she understands the question and will speak about that on April 28th at the Select Board meeting. She is hoping to see Andrew Gottlieb from the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) as well as other people to answer the Board's questions.

X. CONTRACTS

A. Vote to approve a contract with Rise Engineering for the replacement of the condensing units at the Community Center in the amount of \$140,598.00

Mr. MacAskill moved to approve a contract with Rise Engineering for the replacement of the condensing units at the Community Center in the amount of \$140,598.00. Seconded by Ms. Kavanagh.

Mr. Piekarski noted that the end cost to the Town is \$5,200 and asked if it is a reimbursable Grant.

Mr. Powers replied yes, the Board is required to approve the sum total of the contract and the net cost to the Town will go down to \$5,200.

Mr. Piekarski noted that it leaves just short of \$290,000 from the 2024 Annual Town Meeting Article. He commented that he would like to see that money go back to the Town at some point.

Mr. Handler stated that he will add that to a future Agenda.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

XI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Powers noted a confirmed contract with Galaxy Integrated Technology Incorporated. He noted that the contract is funded by a 2023 Town Meeting Article, described what the contract includes and the total amount of the contract. Mr. Powers congratulated Emily Mitchell, Town Clerk for appointing the next Assistant Town Clerk.

XII. SELECT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Mr. Piekarski asked if the technology upgrade that Mr. Powers referred to depleted the 2023 Article sum of \$20,000 and if the balance is offset by their expense budget.

Mr. Powers replied that he believes that is the case.

Mr. Howell noted that the list for Wednesday is all encompassing and he was unsure if some of them were things the Board should dwell on. He commented that he would prefer that the questions are focused on the qualifications and how they would fit in culturally with the organization that Harwich has.

Mr. Handler asked Mr. Howell if he is asking to reduce the number of questions and commented that he has asked for 3 or 4 weeks for additions, changes, deletions and omissions. He agreed that the list is lengthy but he hasn't heard from Board members about any removals. He suggested that Board members email him items they would like removed.

Ms. Kavanagh acknowledged the Council on Aging for having a luncheon to honor the volunteers who do an incredible job. She also thanked the Police Department for doing a fantastic job of helping on Auston Road.

Mr. MacAskill requested an update from GHD on the current cost of the Great Sand Lakes Project, prior to the Select Board meeting on April 28th. He asked that the update include the future cost of the pumps that will be needed if they do the project and as close to an all-in number as possible instead of an estimate. Mr. MacAskill noted that the Cape Cod Commission made another unpopular decision. He noted that the Sub-Committee voted down the hotel

expansion of the Wychmere Beach Club. He would like to have Wychmere before the Select Board to present to the Board. The Board could then send a letter of support to the Commission. He noted that the Board is not allowed to have the Harwich representative come before them. He would like to either get Wychmere at a Board meeting or get the Select Board on an agenda for the Commission. He noted Harwich's Planner and Conservation Commission's support as well as many letters of support. He also noted the benefits to having an addition 80 rooms at Wychmere.

Ms. Kavanagh noted that Atty. Singer had withdrawn the application.

Mr. MacAskill responded that he is looking for a presentation to know if the Board would support the concept.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piekarski moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. MacAskill.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.